

III. REMARKS

Applicant (a small entity) is enclosing a check for \$275.00 to cover the cost of 11 dependent claims in excess of 11. If any other charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication, they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913

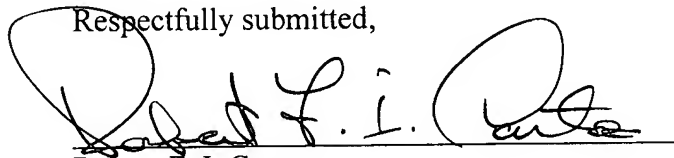
Claims 17-26 have been cancelled.

Claims 7 and 8 are patentable over the prior art for reasons set for in our previous response.

Claims 32 to 40 are dependent on claims 7 and 8 and patently distinguish over the Revsbaeh et al 97/46853 reference.

It is submitted that claims 7 - 11, 13 - 16, and 27 - 40 patently distinguish over the Revsbaeh et al 97/46853 reference and are now in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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